Houses for middle class and people below poverty line

†1083. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the requirement of houses for the middle class and the people living below poverty line in the cities during the year 2007;

(b) if so, the target fixed by the Central Government for construction of houses in the year 2007; and

(c) the number of projects in respect of which the work is in progress at present alongwith the locations of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) a Technical Group on estimation of Urban Housing Shortage under the Chairmanship of Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Dean, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Member of National Statistical Commission was constituted by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. The Group has estimated housing shortage of 24.71 million in urban area of the country as on 2007. The role of the Central Government is that of facilitator through various policy interventions. Government sanctions projects throughout the country under various schemes like, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) etc.

Employment Guarantee Scheme for urban areas

†1084. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate a scheme to eradicate poverty in urban areas like that of Employment Guarantee Scheme in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) As the

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